



## Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors  
County of Los Angeles  
Regional Park and Open Space District  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE THE REVISED EXCESS FUNDS  
GRANT PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD  
SECOND DISTRICT  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The recommended actions will approve the revised Project scope of work for the Various Parks Improvement Project previously approved by the Board and awarded to the City of Inglewood.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find the revisions to the Project scope of work for the City of Inglewood's Various Parks Improvement Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.
2. Approve the revised Project scope of work for the City of Inglewood's Various Parks Improvement Project.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the City of Inglewood (City) to revise the Project scope of work for the Various Parks Improvement Project (Project) previously approved by the Board.

On March 5, 2013, the Board awarded \$250,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of

1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Inglewood. The original Board-approved Project scope of work consisted of roof and flooring refurbishment at the Vincent Park Veterans building; installation of an energy-efficient heating and air conditioning system in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center at Darby Park; and installation of an outdoor fitness course at North Park.

The City, however, has recently received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding which has since been utilized to purchase the equipment for the outdoor fitness course at North Park. As a result, the City has requested that the outdoor fitness course, which was initially identified and funded for installation at North Park, be installed at Darby Park instead. All other details of the scope of work for the Project will remain the same. The total Project cost will still be \$275,000 and is funded by the recommended \$250,000 Cities Excess Funds and is supplemented by \$25,000 of the City's General Fund.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting recreational opportunities in the Second Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of \$250,000 is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, will be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of the RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the Project. The City is the lead agency for the Project.

The revision to the City's Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The revision to the Project, which consists of installation of an outdoor fitness course, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project involves construction of small new facilities or structures.

The Project does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Additionally, the Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the Project's records.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Grant Project Agreements were entered into and are administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreements were approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The Project will enhance recreational opportunities in the City of Inglewood in the Second Supervisorial District.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
Chief Executive Office